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For: METHOD OF EXAMINING CHEMICAL	:	
USING GENE-DISRUPTED STRAIN	:	

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants bring the attached references to the Examiner's attention and request that they be considered and made of record in this application. Attached is a completed PTO-1449 form. Also, a copy of European Search Report of the corresponding European Application No. 04 819 823.8 is attached hereto.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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